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Week Ending Friday, July 29, 2005

The President's Radio Address

July 23, 2005

Good morning. Under the Constitution, one of the most consequential decisions a President makes is an appointment to the Supreme Court. This week I was proud to announce my nomination of Judge John Roberts to be the Supreme Court's next Associate Justice.

Judge Roberts has a stellar record of achievement. He is a man of sound judgment and the highest integrity. He has the qualities Americans expect in a judge, experience, wisdom, fairness, and civility. He has profound respect for the rule of law and for the liberties guaranteed to every citizen. He will strictly apply the Constitution and laws, not legislate from the bench.

Judge Roberts currently serves on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, which is often considered America's second highest court. He has also served as a top lawyer at the Department of Justice, an attorney in the White House for President Ronald Reagan, and a distinguished advocate in private practice. He gained early experience at the Supreme Court as a law clerk to Justice William Rehnquist. He graduated with high honors from both Harvard College and Harvard Law School. And as a young man growing up in Indiana, he captained his high school football team and worked summers in a steel mill to earn money for college.

One of the highest honors for any lawyer is to argue a case before the Supreme Court. In his extraordinary career, Judge Roberts has argued a remarkable 39 cases before the Nation's highest court. He is known by Democrats and Republicans alike as a brilliant thinker, a fair-minded judge, and a decent man. After I nominated Judge Roberts to the Court of Appeals in 2001, a bipartisan group of more than 150 lawyers sent a letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee, and here is what they wrote: "Although as individuals we reflect a wide spectrum of political party affiliation and ideology, we are united in our belief that John Roberts will be an outstanding Federal appeals court judge and should be confirmed by the United States Senate. He is one of the very best and most highly respected appellate lawyers in the Nation."

The next step for Judge Roberts is the Senate confirmation process. The process is off to a good start. Since I announced his nomination, Judge Roberts has met with a number of Senators from both parties. Democrats and Republicans have expressed their respect for Judge Roberts' qualifications and intellect, just as they did 2 years ago when they confirmed him to be a Federal appeals court judge by unanimous consent.

In the weeks ahead, the Senate will have an opportunity to rise above partisanship. I've spoken to Senate Majority Leader Frist and Minority Leader Reid as well as chairman and ranking member of the Judiciary Committee, Senators Specter and Leahy. These Senators share my goal of an orderly and dignified confirmation process, and it is important that Judge Roberts be confirmed before the Court reconvenes on October the 3d.

President Clinton's two appointments to the Supreme Court proved that the Senate can conduct a thorough review and vote on a nominee within a reasonable timetable. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was confirmed 42 days after the President submitted her nomination, and Justice Stephen Breyer was confirmed 73 days after his nomination was submitted. In both cases, Democrats and Republicans helped move the process forward promptly and voted to confirm the justices, despite significant philosophical differences.

America is fortunate to have a man of such wisdom and intellectual strength willing to serve our country. I'm grateful to Judge Roberts' wife, Jane, and their two children, Jack

and Josie, and I look forward to the Senate voting to confirm Judge John Roberts as 109th justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Thank you for listening.

NOTE: The address was recorded at 7:49 a.m. on July 22 in the Cabinet Room at the White House for broadcast at 10:06 a.m. on July 23. The transcript was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on July 22 but was embargoed for release until the broadcast. The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of this address.

Remarks on Signing the Book of Condolence at the Embassy of Egypt

July 25, 2005

President Bush. Mr. Ambassador, thank you very much for having us. Laura and I have come to your Embassy to express our heartfelt sympathies for those who have lost their lives and our strong determination to stand with the Government of Egypt and the people of Egypt in rejecting this kind of violence and terror.

The people who struck in Sharm el-Sheikh killed Muslims, innocent mothers and dads, people who were trying to make a living. They have no heart. They have no conscience. They have no ideology that is hopeful. And they have an ideology of hate.

It was my honor to speak to your President, President Mubarak, and again reiterate my country's strong desire to stand shoulder to shoulder with the people of Egypt and bring justice to those who have killed innocent people.

Thank you for letting us come by.

Ambassador Nabil Fahmy. Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Mrs. Bush. I want to thank you both very much and very sincerely for coming here this morning to share with us in this moment of remembrance to the people who have lost their lives—Egyptians, foreigners—at Sharm el-Sheikh over the weekend. I think your presence here, your phone call to the President over the weekend, and also the many Americans who have been in touch with our Embassy in Cairo, reflect the nature of the relationship that we have together, as two countries working hand in hand for peace and stability in the region, working against terrorism.

As you are well aware, we were the targets of terrorism years ago, as you were on 9/11. And we continue to work together, resolute, to deal with this scourge, and ultimately, hopefully, to develop in the Middle East a region that is prosperous, stable, and secure for all.

I'd like to see this occasion to thank you both and, through you, all of the American people and to reaffirm our determination to continue to pursue terrorism without equivocation—and determination and resolve.

Thank you, sir.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:52 a.m. In his remarks, he referred to President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt.

Statement on the Launch of the Space Shuttle *Discovery*

July 26, 2005

On behalf of all Americans, I wish the crew of the Space Shuttle *Discovery* a safe and successful mission. Today's launch marks NASA's return to flight following the tragic loss of the Space Shuttle *Columbia* crew in February 2003. I thank the men and women of NASA who have dedicated themselves to putting our space program back on track. Our space program is a source of great national pride, and this flight is an essential step toward our goal of continuing to lead the world in space science, human space flight, and space exploration.

Statement on House of Representatives Passage of the Proposed "Small Business Health Fairness Act"

July 26, 2005

I applaud the House of Representatives for passing the "Small Business Health Fairness Act," which will increase the availability of Association Health Plans. AHPs are a fair, innovative, and commonsense approach to make health insurance more affordable and accessible, one of my top domestic priorities. By letting small businesses join together to

buy insurance at the same discounts big companies get, this bill will help workers and their families have more health care choices and obtain greater savings. This change is overdue, and I urge the Senate to follow the House's lead and pass this good legislation this year.

NOTE: The statement referred to H.R. 525.

Proclamation 7915—Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 2005

July 26, 2005

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

On July 26, 1990, President George H. W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This historic legislation provides a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities. The ADA reflects our Nation's faith in the promise of all individuals and helps to ensure that our Nation's opportunities are more accessible to all.

The ADA has been a great success in expanding opportunity for disabled Americans. By reducing barriers and changing perceptions, the ADA has increased participation in community life and given greater hope to millions of Americans.

Because of the ADA, individuals with disabilities are better able to develop skills for school, work, and independent living. Our Nation has more to do to further the goals of the ADA. Through the New Freedom Initiative, my Administration is building on the progress of the ADA to increase the use of technology and expand educational and employment opportunities. We are promoting the development and dissemination of assistive and universally designed technology. We have launched DisabilityInfo.gov, an online resource of programs and technology relevant to the daily lives of people with disabilities and their families, employers, service providers, and other community members. We also require electronic and information technologies used by the Federal Government to be accessible to people with disabilities. To ensure that no child with a disability is left behind, I have requested $11.1 billion for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act in my FY 2006 budget—$4.7 billion above the FY 2001 level. The Department of Education is seeking new and effective ways for students with disabilities to learn. My Administration is also working to educate employers on ADA requirements and further assisting persons with disabilities by implementing the "Ticket to Work" program and strengthening training and employment services at One-Stop Career Centers. Through all of these efforts, we are helping individuals with disabilities have the opportunity to live and work with greater freedom.

On the 15th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we celebrate the progress that has been made and reaffirm our commitment to fulfilling the ADA's mission of bringing greater hope and opportunity to our Nation's disabled Americans.

Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2005, as a day in celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. I call on all Americans to celebrate the many contributions individuals with disabilities have made to our country, and I urge our citizens to fulfill the promise of the ADA to give all people the opportunity to live with dignity, work productively, and achieve their dreams.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-sixth day of July, in the year of our Lord two thousand five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.

George W. Bush

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NOTE: This proclamation was published in the *Federal Register* on July 29.

Statement on the Innovations in American Government Award

July 27, 2005

I am pleased that my administration's Office of Management and Budget has received the Kennedy School's Innovation in American Government Award for its Program Assessment Rating Tool. I congratulate the hard-working employees at OMB for winning this award and implementing our management agenda. Taxpayer money should be spent wisely or not at all, and I am proud of the progress we have made to improve management and focus on results. We are changing the way the Federal Government thinks about program management and budgeting. We still have work to do, and improving the effectiveness of Government and providing good value to taxpayers will continue to be a top priority of my administration.

Statement on the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate

July 27, 2005

The United States has joined with Australia, China, India, Japan, and South Korea to create a new Asia-Pacific partnership on clean development, energy security, and climate change. This new results-oriented partnership will allow our nations to develop and accelerate deployment of cleaner, more efficient energy technologies to meet national pollution reduction, energy security, and climate change concerns in ways that reduce poverty and promote economic development. The six Asia-Pacific partners will build on our strong history of common approaches and demonstrated cooperation on clean energy technologies. I have directed Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Secretary of Energy Sam Bodman to meet with their counterparts this fall to carry forward our new partnership and provide direction for our joint work.

Executive Order 13384—Assignment of Functions Relating to Original Appointments as Commissioned Officers and Chief Warrant Officer Appointments in the Armed Forces

July 27, 2005

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. *Assignment of Functions to the Secretary of Defense.* The Secretary of Defense shall perform the functions of the President under the following provisions of title 10, United States Code:

(a) subsection 531(a)(1); and

(b) the second sentence of subsection 571(b).

Sec. 2. *Reassignment of Functions Assigned.* The Secretary of Defense may not reassign the functions assigned to him by this order.

Sec. 3. *General Provisions.* (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to limit or otherwise affect the authority of the President as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, or under the Constitution and laws of the United States to nominate or to make or terminate appointments.

(b) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, entities, officers, employees or agents, or any other person.

George W. Bush

The White House,
July 27, 2005.

[Filed with the Office of the Federal Register, 8:45 a.m., July 28, 2005]

NOTE: This Executive order was published in the *Federal Register* on July 29.

Statement on House of Representatives Passage of the Central American-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement

July 28, 2005

I am proud that the House of Representatives has acted to advance America's economic and national security interests by passing the CAFTA-DR agreement. CAFTA helps ensure that free trade is fair trade. By lowering trade barriers to American goods in Central American markets to a level now enjoyed by their goods in the U.S., this agreement will level the playing field and help American workers, farmers, and small businesses. The agreement is more than a trade bill; it is a commitment of freedom-loving nations to advance peace and prosperity throughout the Western Hemisphere. We have a moral obligation and a vital national security interest in helping the democracies of Central America and the Dominican Republic succeed, and CAFTA furthers that goal. I look forward to signing this important legislation into law.

Statement on House of Representatives Passage of Medical Liability Reform Legislation

July 28, 2005

I am pleased that the House of Representatives has again passed medical liability reform legislation. The Nation's medical liability system is badly broken, as frivolous lawsuits are threatening access to quality health care and raising health care costs for all Americans. The medical liability crisis is driving up health care costs through higher insurance premiums, higher medical bills, and the practice of defensive medicine. This crisis also is imposing substantial costs on the Federal Government and all taxpayers who bear the cost of Medicare and Medicaid. The liability crisis is driving good doctors out of medicine and leaving patients in many communities without access to both basic and specialty medical services. This is a national problem that deserves a national solution. For the sake of all Americans, it is time for the Senate to pass meaningful medical liability reform legislation.

Memorandum on Reimbursement to the Office of the United States Trade Representative

July 28, 2005

Memorandum for the Director of the Office of Management and Budget

Subject: Reimbursement to the Office of the United States Trade Representative

Pursuant to the authority in title III of division H of Public Law 108–447, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005, and in section 108 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby authorize the transfer from the appropriation, "Unanticipated Needs:"

To	Amount
Executive Office of the President, Office of the United States Trade Representative	$493,000

To defray expenses incurred by the mission of the United States Trade Representative to Geneva for additional security requirements.

I hereby determine that this expenditure is necessary to meet unanticipated needs in furtherance of the national interest.

George W. Bush

NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on July 29.

Remarks on Signing the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005

July 29, 2005

Welcome. Good morning. In a few moments, I'll have the honor of signing the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005. This bill is a critical step toward our goal of ensuring top-quality, patient-driven health care for all Americans.

With this law, we'll be able to obtain more accurate information about medical treatments. And by providing doctors with information about what treatments work and what treatments cause problems, we will reduce medical errors that injure and cause the deaths of thousands of Americans each year.

I commend the Members of Congress for their hard work in passing this piece of legislation. This has been a productive week for the United States Senate and the House of Representatives. I'm looking forward to signing an energy bill that will encourage conservation, increase domestic production, and help reduce our dependence on foreign oil. I'm looking forward to signing a highway bill that will strengthen our transportation infrastructure and improve the safety of our roads and create jobs.

I appreciate the House and the Senate for passing the Central American-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement that will level the playing field for America's goods as well as promote democracy in our hemisphere. All these bills are good bills. They're good for the people of this country. And I appreciate their hard work in getting them to my desk.

I want to thank the Secretary of Health and Human Services for joining us, Mike Leavitt. I appreciate Senator Bill Frist, the majority leader, Dr. Bill Frist. [*Laughter*] I want to thank Committee Chairman Mike Enzi, Senator Judd Gregg, and Ted Kennedy and Jim Jeffords for their good work in the United States Senate on this piece of legislation. I appreciate my friend from Texas, Joe Barton—Congressman Joe Barton and Nathan Deal and Mike Bilirakis for joining me here today as I sign this piece of legislation.

I want to thank Dr. Edward Hill, who is the president of the American Medical Association, straight out of Mississippi. [*Laughter*] I appreciate Dr. Sophia Smith, who is the Children's National Medical Center, Dr. Janis Orlowski, who is the senior vice president of the Washington Hospital Center, and Susan Mintz—Suzanne Mintz, the president of the National Family Caregivers Association. Thank you all for coming. I also want to welcome our professionals who are here with us today.

The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act will help ensure that Americans continue to benefit from the greatest medical system in the world. To maintain the highest standards of care, doctors and nurses must be able to exchange information about problems and solutions. Yet in recent years, many doctors have grown afraid to discuss their practices because they worry that the information they provide will be used against them in a lawsuit.

This bill will help solve that problem. This is a commonsense law that gives legal protections to health professionals who report their practices to patient safety organizations. By providing critical information about medical procedures, doctors and nurses can help others learn from their experiences. That's why I said it's a commonsense law. By making essential information more available across America, we will help ensure that patients benefit from the best medical treatment, no matter where they live. That seems to make sense to me.

This bill builds on other commonsense reforms we're making to the American health care system. By providing a new Medicare prescription drug benefit, we're giving seniors more choices and helping them get the medicine they need. By making health savings accounts more broadly available, we're helping more Americans own and control their own health coverage. By increasing funding for community health centers, we're helping the poor and the uninsured get the quality health care they deserve and need.

We'll continue working to improve our health care system. To make it easier for employers to offer coverage to their workers, we must allow small businesses to join together to buy insurance at the same discounts that big businesses can do. To reduce costs and improve care, we must harness the power of information technology to computerize health records.

And we've got to stop the frivolous lawsuits that are running up the cost of medicine and driving good professionals out of this important profession. We need medical liability reform now. The bill I sign today is an example of people coming together to do what's right for the country.

Again, I want to thank the Members of Congress who are here. It is now my honor to sign this good bill into law.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:09 a.m. in Room 450 in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. S. 544, approved July 29, was assigned Public Law No. 109–41.

Statement on Congressional Action on the "Energy Policy Act of 2005"

July 29, 2005

I applaud the Congress for today's passage of an energy bill that will help secure our energy future and reduce our dependence on foreign sources of energy. The energy bill will increase conservation and efficiency, diversify our energy supply with alternative and renewable sources, expand domestic energy production in environmentally sensitive ways, and modernize our electricity infrastructure. Four years ago, I called for a national energy plan to address our Nation's energy needs for the 21st century. The bipartisan energy bill passed today will give America a comprehensive national energy strategy for the first time in more than a decade and is critically important to our long-term national and economic security. I look forward to signing it into law.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

July 23

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to express his condolences on the recent terrorist attacks in Sharm el-Sheikh.

July 24

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with cyclist Lance Armstrong to congratulate him on winning a record seventh straight Tour de France.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC. Later, they attended a White House tee-ball game on the South Lawn.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Members of Congress to discuss energy legislation.

July 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush went to the National Gallery of Art where they toured the Gilbert Stuart exhibition.

Later in the morning, the President returned to the White House. Later, in the East Room, he participated in a photo opportunity with Presidential Rank Award recipients.

In the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President participated in a meeting with African American leaders.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jennifer L. Dorn to be U.S. Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate C. Boyden Gray to be the U.S. Representative to the European Union with the Rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard H. Jones to be Ambassador to Israel.

The President announced his intention to nominate Francis J. Ricciardone, Jr., to be Ambassador to Egypt.

The President announced his intention to nominate Darlene F. Williams to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (Policy Development and Research).

The President announced his appointment of Michele A. Davis as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Adviser for Strategic Communications and Global Outreach.

July 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a signing ceremony for Proclamation 7915—Anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act, 2005.

Later in the morning, the President met with local officials from the Babil Province in Iraq.

Also in the morning, in his private dining room, the President viewed the launch of the Space Shuttle *Discovery*.

In the afternoon, in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the President made remarks to the Coalition for the Modernization and Protection of America's Social Security. Later, he had a meeting with Republican Members of the House of Representatives to discuss the Central American-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement.

July 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then went to the Capitol where he met with the House Republican Conference to discuss legislative priorities. Later, he returned to the White House.

Later in the morning, the President participated in a photo opportunity with District of Columbia Metropolitan Motorcycle Escort officers.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a photo opportunity with Navy Anderson, the 2005 national ambassador for the March of Dimes. Later, in the East Room, he participated in a photo opportunity with 2005 American Legion Boys Nation and Girls Nation participants.

The President announced his intention to nominate Keith E. Gottfried to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Bertha K. Madras to be Deputy Director for Demand Reduction at the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark S. Schneider to be Commissioner of Education Statistics at the Department of Education.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alfred Hoffman, Jr., to be Ambassador to Portugal.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sandra Frances Ashworth, Jan Cellucci, and Diane Rivers to be members of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science.

July 28

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan to discuss Pakistan-U.S. relations, counterterrorism efforts, and regional issues. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Elias Antonio Saca Gonzalez of El Salvador to discuss the House of Representatives action on the Central American-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney. Later, he met with the President's Management Council.

Later, in the State Dining Room, the President had a meeting and participated in a photo opportunity with members of the National Future Farmers of America Organization State Presidents' Conference.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Democratic Unionist Party leader Ian Paisley of Northern Ireland.

The President announced his intention to nominate George M. Gray to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (Research and Development).

The President announced his intention to nominate Christine M. Griffin to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Emil W. Henry, Jr., to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (Financial Institutions).

The President announced his intention to nominate Kathryn Higgins to be a member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate William E. Kovacic to be Commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Barry F. Lowenkron to be Assistant

Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

The President announced his intention to nominate Edward McGaffigan, Jr., to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate James F.X. O'Gara to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction at the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

The President announced his intention to nominate John J. Young, Jr., to be Director of Defense Research and Engineering at the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to nominate Roland Arnall to be Ambassador to the Netherlands.

The President announced his intention to nominate William McCormick to be Ambassador to New Zealand and Samoa.

The President announced his intention to designate John F. Clark as Acting Director of the United States Marshals Service.

The President announced his intention to designate Preston M. Geren as Acting Secretary of the Air Force.

The President announced his intention to designate Thomas E. Harvey as Acting Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Public and Intergovernmental Affairs).

July 29

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams of Northern Ireland and President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Naomi Churchill Earp to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Joseph Henke to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Management).

The President announced his intention to nominate Franklin L. Lavin to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

The President announced his intention to nominate William F. Tuerk to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Laurence Francis Rooney to be Ambassador to the Holy See.

The President announced his intention to nominate Terry Neese to be Director of the Mint at the Department of the Treasury.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark Hofflund to be a member of the National Council on the Arts.

The President announced his intention to nominate Josette Sheeran Shiner to be U.S. Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; U.S. Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank; U.S. Alternate Governor for the African Development Bank; U.S. Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank; U.S. Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; and U.S. Alternate Governor of the African Development Fund.

The President announced his intention to designate Josette Sheeran Shiner as a member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted July 25

Jennifer L. Dorn,
of Nebraska, to be U.S. Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of 2 years, vice Robert B. Holland III, term expired.

C. Boyden Gray,
of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

Richard Henry Jones,
of Nebraska, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Israel.

Francis Joseph Ricciardone, Jr.,
of New Hampshire, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Darlene F. Williams,
of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, vice Dennis C. Shea, resigned.

Martin J. Gruenberg,
of Maryland, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term expiring December 27, 2012 (reappointment).

Submitted July 27

Sandra Frances Ashworth,
of Idaho, to be a member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2009 (reappointment).

Jan Cellucci,
of Massachusetts, to be a member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2009, vice Joan Challinor, term expired.

Keith E. Gottfried,
of California, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, vice Richard A. Hauser, resigned.

Alfred Hoffman,
of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Portugal.

Bertha K. Madras,
of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director for Demand Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy, vice Andrea G. Barthwell.

Diane Rivers,
of Arkansas, to be a member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2009, vice Jack E. Hightower, term expired.

Mark S. Schneider,
of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Education Statistics for a term expiring June 21, 2009, vice Robert Lerner.

Submitted July 28

Roland Arnall,
of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Joseph Frank Bianco,
of New York, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, vice Denis R. Hurley, retired.

Timothy Mark Burgess,
of Alaska, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Alaska, vice James K. Singleton, Jr., retired.

George M. Gray,
of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, vice J. Paul Gilman, resigned.

Christine M. Griffin,
of Massachusetts, to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2009, vice Paul Steven Miller, term expired.

Emil W. Henry, Jr.,
of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice Wayne Abernathy.

Kathryn Higgins,
of South Dakota, to be a member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2009, vice Carol Jones Carmody, resigned.

William E. Kovacic,
of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for a term of 7 years from September 26, 2004, vice Orson Swindle, resigned.

Barry F. Lowenkron,
of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, vice Lorne W. Craner, resigned.

Harry Sandlin Mattice, Jr.,
of Tennessee, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, vice R. Allan Edgar, retiring.

William Paul McCormick,
of Oregon, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Samoa.

Edward McGaffigan, Jr.,
of Virginia, to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of 5 years expiring June 30, 2010 (reappointment).

James F.X. O'Gara,
of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy, vice Barry D. Crane.

John J. Young, Jr.,
of Virginia, to be Director of Defense Research and Engineering, vice Ronald M. Sega.

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John G. Roberts, Jr.,
of Maryland, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, vice Sandra Day O'Connor, retiring.

Naomi Churchill Earp,
of Virginia, to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2010 (reappointment).

Robert Joseph Henke,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Management), vice William H. Campbell, resigned.

Mark Hofflund,
of Idaho, to be a member of the National Council on the Arts for the remainder of the term expiring September 3, 2008, vice James McBride, resigned.

Franklin L. Lavin,
of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, vice Grant D. Aldonas, resigned.

Terry Neese,
of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Mint for a term of 5 years, vice Henrietta Holsman Fore.

Francis Rooney,
of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Holy See.

Josette Sheeran Shiner,
of Virginia, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of 5 years; United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of 5 years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of 5 years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Fund; United States Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank; and United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, vice Alan Phillip Larson.

William F. Tuerk,
of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs, vice John W. Nicholson, resigned.

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Albert Henry Konetzni, Jr.,
of New York, to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of 5 years expiring June 30, 2009, vice Richard A. Meserve, resigned, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2005.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released July 23

Statement by the Press Secretary on the terrorist attack in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt

Released July 25

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Transcript of a press briefing by Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Office Director Jim Towey on the President's meeting with African American leaders

Released July 26

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

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Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Transcript of a conference call press briefing by White House Council on Environmental Quality Chairman James Connaughton on the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.J. Res. 52

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 3071

Fact sheet: President Bush and the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development

Released July 28

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary: U.S. Response to the IRA Statement

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 3453

Statement by the Press Secretary on the murders of two Algerian diplomats in Iraq

Released July 29

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 544

Fact sheet: The Energy Bill: Good for Consumers, the Economy, and the Environment

Acts Approved by the President

Approved July 27

H.R. 3071 / Public Law 109–38
To permit the individuals currently serving as Executive Director, Deputy Executive Directors, and General Counsel of the Office of Compliance to serve one additional term

H.J. Res. 52 / Public Law 109–39
Approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003

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H.R. 3453 / Public Law 109–40
Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2005, Part V

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S. 544 / Public Law 109–41
Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005

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